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Subject: Cooperative Agreement Application of Mountain States Health Alliance and Wellmont Health System

Dear Dr. Dreyzehner and Dr. Levine,

I am providing the attached written public comment to clarify the extent to which my research may or may not provide guidance on the likely consequences of either an approval or denial of the cooperative agreement application of Mountain State Health Alliance and Wellmont Health System. If possible I would like the letter to be posted on the Department of Health's website for public consideration. To clarify any confusion, I intend for this letter to replace one previously submitted by coauthor (Kevin Pflum) last week that he later requested to withdraw. Please let me know if I need to submit this to a different party or if you need any further information.

Best,

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